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# Portland - Ashkelon Sister City Association

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In 1987, the citizens of Portland, Oregon, USA chose Ashkelon, Israel as a sister-city and established PASCA. Our sister-city association was created to foster industrial, economic, educational and cultural exchanges. Our relationship encourages cultural understanding between our citizens. Ashkelon has a major hospital, Barzelai, that serves the entire region including Gazans, that we are most concerned about.



James Autry

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- Ashkelon has been a Portland Sister City for 35 years
- Ashkelon is a growing Israeli city of 149,000 citizens
- Ashkelon is home to the world's largest water desalination plant, the Israeli Beer Breweries & some of the finest most creative young entrepreneurs.



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LION-HEARTED  
MAY HAVE WALKED THE STREETS OF  
**ASHKELON**  
ANCIENT CITY  
OF THE SEA



- Ashkelon is an ancient 5,000+ year old “Philistine” garden city located on the Israel’s west coast, the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, rich in world history, the arts & recently added to the Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilience Cities



- Ashkelon is a modern Israeli city led by Mayor **Tomer Glam** and is the bedroom community for Jews & Arabs that work in Israel's Silicon Forest, inventors of Intel's Pentium 4 Chip, modern voicemail, smart phones, medical breakthroughs & cutting edge environmental technologies.



- PASCA has identified businesses in Portland & Israel that are working in 3 strategic technological industries
  - Medical Breakthroughs
  - Electronic Breakthroughs
  - Environmental Breakthroughs
- We are still working on strategies to pair these businesses so that they can begin to work together.





- PASCA has been working to rebuild our leadership, planning a tour in March 2023 and helping other Sister City Associations with our new website & Facebook page, as well as our annual Rose Festival Reception & Grand Floral Parade entry.

# PORTLAND SISTER CITIES COALITION



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On the Thursday before the Annual Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade in June of each year, we host and coordinate an Annual Rose Festival Reception with the Mayor of Portland at City Hall. Each year we feature special guests, delegations from several of our Sister Cities, sign a Friendship Memorandum, reaffirming our special relationship with each of our Sister Cities, and celebrate special accomplishments, such as Sister City Association Anniversaries & special projects of mutual benefit that have been facilitated between the City of Portland & our Sister Cities around the world.



# PRESENTATIONS



# PROCLAMATION

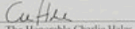


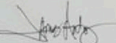
### Sister City Proclamation


Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Portland in the State of Oregon, United States of America, and the representatives of the sister cities listed on this document believe that the promotion of friendship and goodwill and the development of educational, cultural, social and economic exchanges between the people of all of our sister cities will strengthen knowledge and understanding between us and so, in turn, transcend national and political boundaries to form an everlasting foundation for the peace and well-being of mankind, now therefore, the Mayor of the City of Portland and the duly assigned representatives of all of the sister cities listed here, do hereby proclaim and reaffirm the affiliation of our sister city relationship.

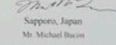
Therefore, we reaffirm our sister city relationship and pledge that we will do all in our power to assist in the exchange of people, culture, education, recreation, economic and community affairs and that we will encourage the development of friendship between us, and so develop a bond with one another.

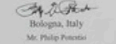
In Witness Whereof, the Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon and the official representatives of Portland's sister cities execute this agreement in their names as of the Ninth Day of June in the Year 2016.


  
The Honorable Charlie Hales  
Mayor, City of Portland, Oregon USA

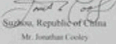
  
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Mr. James Avery  
Portland Ashkelon Sister City Association


  
Kashbing, Republic of China  
Mr. Mike Borewick  
Portland Kashbing, Taiwan Republic of China

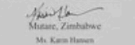
  
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Mr. Michael Bacon  
Portland Sapporo Sister City Association

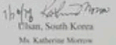
  
Bologna, Italy  
Mr. Philip Ponzetti  
Portland Bologna Sister City Association

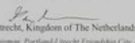
  
Khabarovsk, Russia  
Mr. Alan Ellis  
Portland Khabarovsk Sister City Association

  
Suzhou, Republic of China  
Mr. Jonathan Cuckley  
Portland Suzhou Sister City Association

  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Mr. Antonio Camillo  
Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association

  
Mutare, Zimbabwe  
Mr. Karin Hansen  
Portland Mutare Sister City Association

  
Ulsan, South Korea  
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Utrecht, Kingdom of The Netherlands  
Mr. Greg Rasmussen, Portland-Utrecht Friendship City Association

# RECEPTION













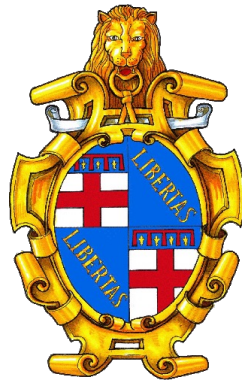
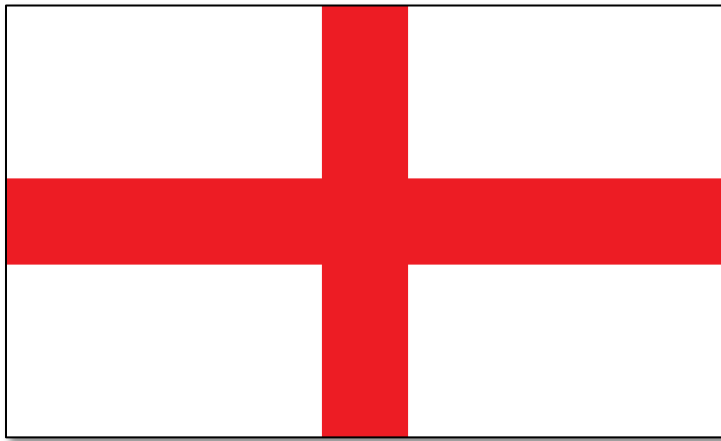








**Portland-Bologna Sister City Association** (PBSCA) actively promotes the strong ties between Portland, Oregon and Bologna, Italy through events, exchanges, exhibits, and outreach.



- Bologna has been a Portland Sister City for 18 years
- Bologna has three nicknames that have stuck with it for years
  - Bologna la Rossa (the red) for the palate of its buildings & the leaning of its politics
  - Bologna la Grassa (the fat) for its world-famous cuisine and food products
  - Bologna la Dotta (the learned) for its incredible university, the world's first







# Portland-Bologna Scambio *Youth Exchange*



Highschool Freshman and Sophomore encouraged to apply for our 2-year reciprocal cycle, 2023/24, to both host a student from Bologna and to travel to Bologna the following year.





Sagra 2022

St. Philip Neri  
November 13

## Portland Bologna Annual Sagra 2022

*After two years of virtual Sagra, we are delighted to announce that our annual fundraising event will be in person this year, on **November 13th** at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Southeast Portland.*





Established in 1983





- Guadalajara has been a Portland Sister City since 1983.
- Guadalajara is Mexico's second most populous metro area with 5 million citizens & Latin America's 10th largest city
- Guadalajara is also a city of roses and the cultural center of Mexico.
- Guadalajara hosts a number of large-scale cultural events such as an International Film Festival and International Book Fair.



Established at Waterfront Park in 1984

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# Portland Guadalajara Sister City Community Giving Program Continues



Lifesaving techniques shared with firefighters from around the world in Guadalajara and in Portland.

## **Bombero Program...**

Portland firefighter and PGSCA board member Jose Troncoso trains firefighters from around central America in Guadalajara, Mexico.

PGSCA financially supports this effort to save lives.



## Portlands' Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will return to Waterfront Park in 2023

For more information about the event, visit our website at [www.cincodemayo.org](http://www.cincodemayo.org) or call us at 520-462-1234. We are excited to welcome you to our event and to the beautiful city of Mayaguez.

[www.cincodemayo.org](http://www.cincodemayo.org)

**Cinco de Mayo**  
FESTIVAL

Free Admission









Community giving for 2022 include donations to Centro Cultural and to Meals on Wheels. We continue to support programs that meet our mission and serv the community.





Sharing business, education,  
culture and love between  
the citizens of Portland and  
Guadalajara since 1983.









- The Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association was founded in November 1987
- Portland City Council officially approved Kaohsiung as Portland's Sister City on May 1988
- The Association selected the Dragon Boat Racing as the annual cultural event in Portland
- The First Eye Dotting Ceremony was performed on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1989 at Portland Waterfront Park





- Kaohsiung has been a Portland Sister City for 34 years
- A major international seaport and the largest industrial city in southern Taiwan
- The 3rd most populous city in Taiwan with a population of 2.77 millions
- The host city of the 2009 World Games





Portland Delegation visit Kaohsiung Lantern Festival





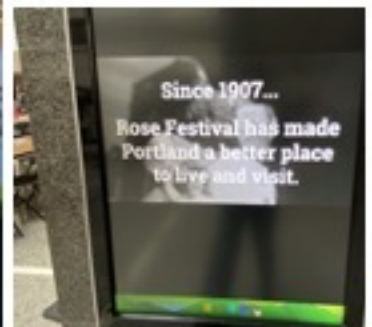
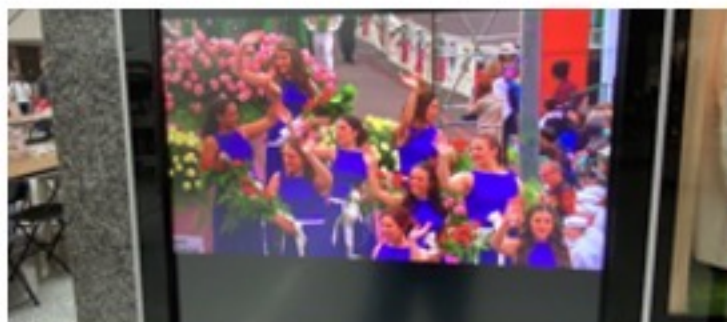


- Kaohsiung Delegation to Portland Rose Festival Celebration
- Kaohsiung City Government Officials visit Portland City Hall and attend International Sister Cities Luncheon
- Rose Planting Ceremony with Royal Rosarians
- Grand Floral Parade and PKSCA Float



- Shu-Te High School Cultural Music & Dance Performance
- 30+ Years Host Family Program
- 2018 Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade Marching Band Sweepstakes Award Winner
- Sister School with Portland David Douglas High





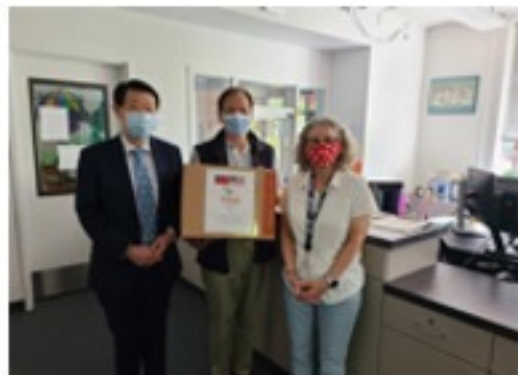
















# Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association



## Annual Sister City Report 2021-2022





- Khabarovsk has been a Portland sister city for 34 years
- Khabarovsk is the regional capital of the Russian Far East
- Khabarovsk is Russia's inland port where the Amur River borders China and connects with the Ussuri River




# Origins of the Portland-Khabarovsk sister city relationship

**NOVEMBER 23, 1983**


**Ground Zero Pairing Project**

Makes the 'First Strike'  
a knock on the door  
with a  
Community Portrait  
sent to  
a Soviet city  
just like your own

for information on  
how you can participate  
in the preparation  
of your community's portrait:



Underlying premise: the two countries leaders & experts have created a dynamic they can't escape and only citizens can break down this dynamic by "de-demonizing" each other.



The initial foundation of the official Portland-Khabarovsk sister city relationship developed over a five-year period (1983-1988) during the Cold War as part of the Portland-headquartered Ground Zero Pairing Project, which sought to establish non-political, citizen-to-citizen diplomacy between U.S. and Soviet cities.

## PKSCA activities 2021-2022





**WAR IN UKRAINE**

**began**

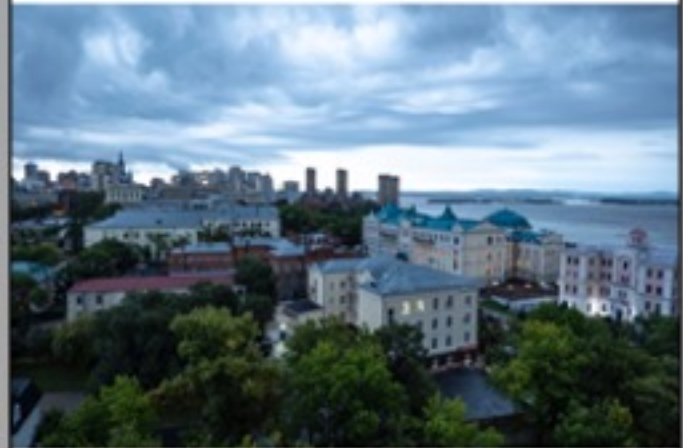
**February 24, 2022**

Editorial in The Oregonian by President Thomas Benke

*“We would not help our friends by further isolating them as individuals.”*

Opinion: Portland should maintain sister-city relationship with Khabarovsk

Published: Jun. 12, 2022, 6:30 a.m.



Buildings line the Amur River in Khabarovsk, Russia, in the country's Far East. Portland should not abandon its long-standing relationship with the Russian city, despite a request from Ukraine's president, the author writes. AP Photo/Daniel Kaplin AP Photo/Daniel Kaplin



By Guest Columnist | The Oregonian

Thomas Benke



## Khabarovsk Media's Response

*"A wave of refusals to cooperate with Russian cities has overwhelmed our country...Khabarovsk has so far managed to keep warm relationships with everyone."*

Russians can read between the lines:  
**Khabarovsk is different!**





While “Black Lives Matter” demonstrations were erupting in Portland, Khabarovsk citizens were similarly demonstrating against Putin’s assault on representative democracy in Khabarovsk.



## **PKSCA: Looking Towards the Future**

As Russia starts regaining a steady foothold on the world stage following the eventual end of the war in Ukraine, it will need its international sister city ties more than ever before.



War or peace, rain or shine, the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association will continue to uphold its 34-year old mission of fostering non-political, people-to-people connections through cultural, educational, and economic ties; and the cultivation of cross-cultural friendships.





# PORTLAND-MUTARE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

It takes a planet to save a village!



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The Portland City Council approved the Portland-Mutare Sister City relationship December 18, 1991 and as a non-profit organization, PMSCA has worked to promote good will and the exchange of ideas, goods, culture and friendship between the people of Portland, Oregon and Mutare, Zimbabwe. We strive to learn from our differences, celebrate our similarities and nurture our interconnectedness.

Since 1991, citizens from Portland and Mutare have made trips back and forth, learning from and working with each other. Our group has sent computers, partially covered teacher salaries, mailed 1200 eyeglasses, built a clinic, funded 2 ambulances, helped fund a car for rural hospice health outreach, funded a mother's shelter, clothing, textbooks, toys, school supplies, generators, musical instruments, sports uniforms, phones, heaters, radios, school fees, plus so much more. Recently, we agreed to fund bed pans and wheelchairs for hospice patients and funding for materials that deaf students will use to make and sell feminine products.





- Mutare has been a Portland Sister City for 31 years – with a humanitarian focus on supporting health and education programs.
- Mutare is located in Zimbabwe's beautiful Eastern Highlands bordering Mozambique & South Africa
- Mutare is Zimbabwe's third largest city, with a background in forestry, farming, and tourism.







Portland, Oregon

Mutare, Zimbabwe



# Zimbabwe











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# **Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association**



**PORTLAND-SAPPORO**  
SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

# Sapporo, Japan

- The largest Japanese city north of Tokyo (Population: 1.97million)
- Settled by the indigenous Ainu people, beginning over 15,000 years ago. Japanese migrant started to settle in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Known for the Sapporo Snow Festival
- Hosted 1972 Winter Olympics



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# 60th Anniversary in 2019



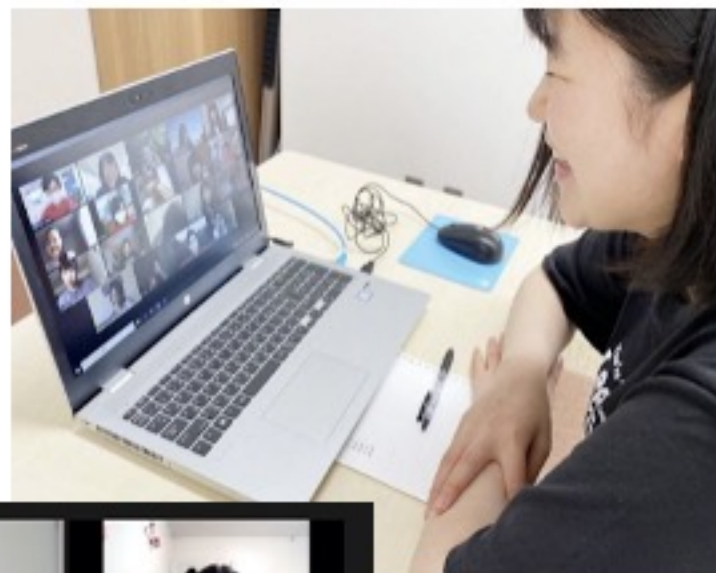


**We will be celebrating our  
65th anniversary in 2024!!**





# 2021 High School Student Online Meetups with Student in Sapporo



PORTLAND-SAPPORO  
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## **Dr. Thompson Faller**

### **Board Member since 1981**

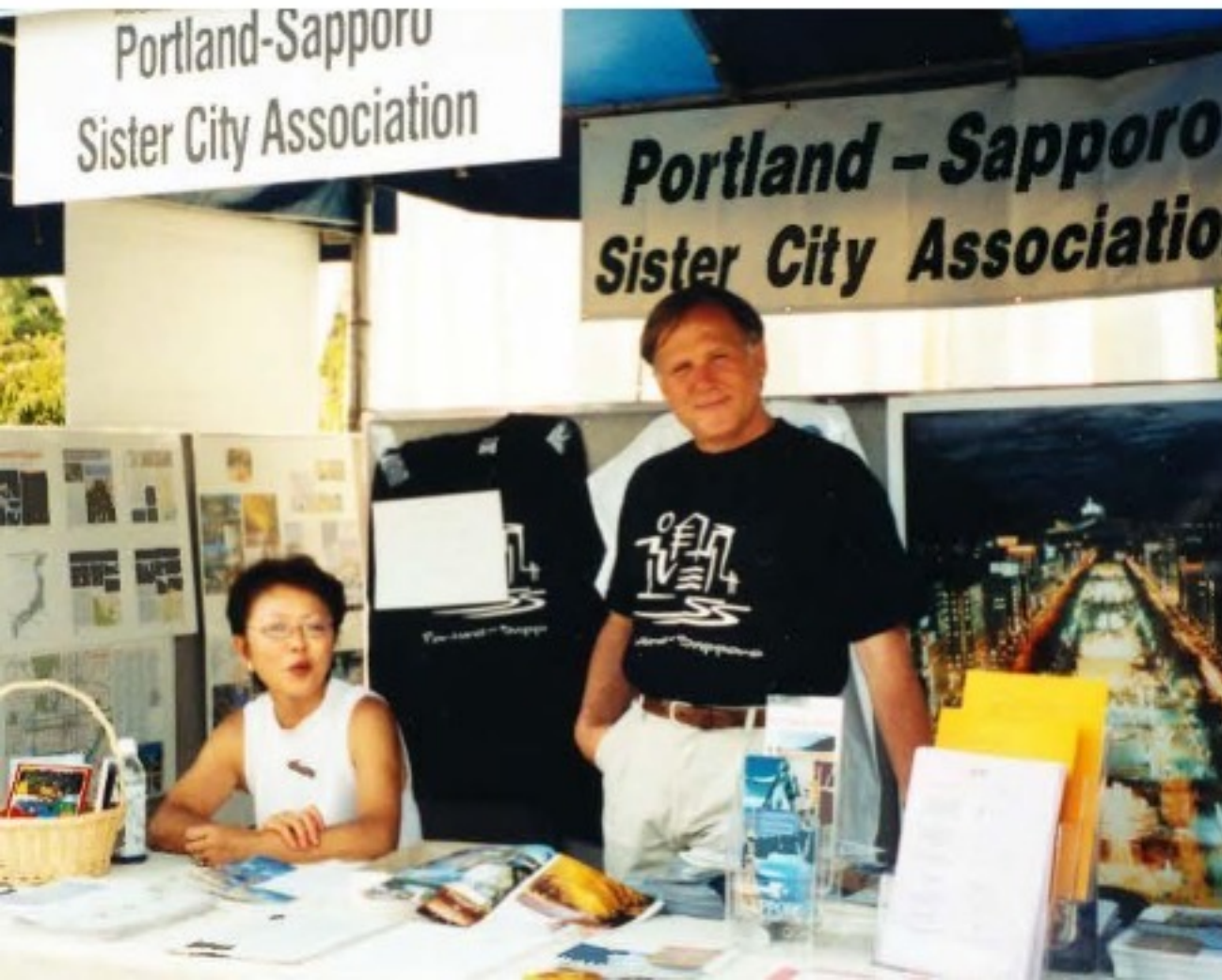
Dr. Thompson Faller (Left) welcoming students from Sapporo in 2011





## Steven Orcutt

Board Member since 1985



Steven Orcutt (right) at  
Festival Japan in 1995

# Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association







Welcome!  
Make an Impact.

[JOIN US.](#)

Since 1988, PSSCA has fostered Cultural, Economic, and Academic exchange between China and the US. We welcome new members to contribute skills, time, and energy to partner with us.

[NEWS!](#)



Check out our [Blog](#)  
Consider [Becoming a Member or Sponsor](#)



# Suzhou China

- Portland's Sister City for 33 years
- Founded 514 BC
- "Venice of China"
- 30 minutes by Bullet Train from Shanghai
- 9 Classical Gardens designated UNESCO World Heritage sites
- China's 8th most populous city with 10-13 million





Portland earned **Best Sister City** award from China by being a bridge city, providing a bridge of friendship between our two cities.



Woodstock Elementary 3rd Graders' 2019  
Portland-Suzhou Bridges Mural

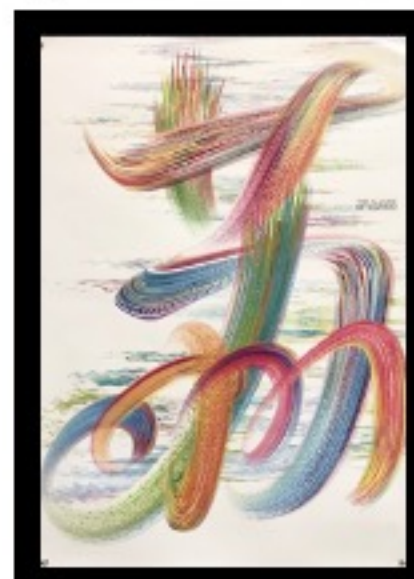
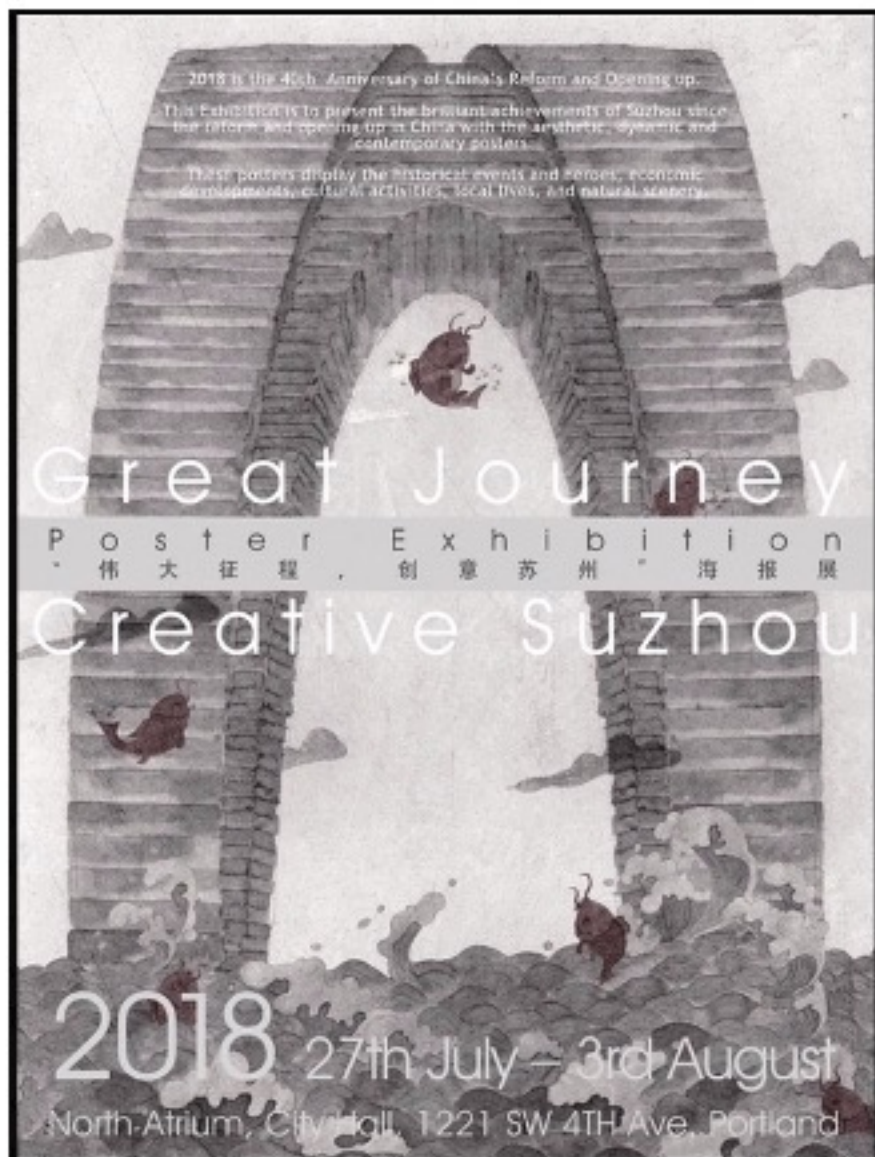




## Annual Sister City Schools Exchange Program







**POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION** - The best 50 out of 3,000 entries were selected as part of the "Innovative Suzhou, Great Journey" exhibit in Portland City Hall July 27, 2018



# Networking & Appreciation Evening at Lan Su Chinese Garden

Thursday, May 23, 2019



**Assist the City of Portland in receiving 20,000 face masks donated from Nanjing. Photo for the donation event on July 29, 2020.**





Virtual School  
Exchange  
between Harriet  
Tubman Middle  
School and SIP  
Xinghai  
Experimental  
Middle School  
on January 21,  
2022



# PSSCA Co-Hosting Asian American Heritage Month in OHSU on May 31, 2022



**Tuesday**  
**May 31, 2022**  
**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

## ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

### Enchanting Demonstration of the Chinese Dulcimer

by Jing Lu

This event is hosted by [the API ERG and the Portland Suzhou Sister City Association](#)

Come to learn more about Chinese culture through music. Jing Lu, a Yangqin (Chinese dulcimer) musician, the first person who performed Yangqin solo recital at Carnegie Hall, will bring you different styles of exotic, passionate and beautiful Yangqin music and speak about its background culture.

#### About Jing Lu:

Jing Lu is a well-known, award winning, Yangqin (Chinese dulcimer) performer. She has received recognition for her talent as well medals and prizes in musical competition in China. Jing Lu began her studying Yangqin at age four, received her B.A degree in Yangqin Performance from the top music conservatory in China, Central Conservatory of Music. In May 2013, Jing Lu received her master degree in Stage Management at Columbia University of USA and also became the first Chinese Dulcimer musician who performed solo recital at Carnegie Hall.



# Suzhou Sister Cities International Youth Painting Contest







**THANK YOU!**





# PORTLAND ULSAN

## Sister City Association



Ulsan, South Korea

Portland, Oregon

1985 – 2022

35 years of mutual friendship & exchange



# Ulsan, South Korea





**Hyundai Automobiles at the Port of Ulsan**



# Ulsan, South Korea



**1.1 million ppl**

**8<sup>th</sup> largest city in  
S. Korea**

## **Industries:**

- Auto manufacturing
- Ship building
- Petro-chemical
- Lithium-ion battery manufacturing

- River: Taewha River
- 3 Major Parks:

**Taewha River Park | Rose Garden | Grand Park**





**Ulsan Rose Garden**  
The largest rose garden in South Korea



# Cultural Exchanges:

- Rose Festivals
- Parks Program: Rose Garden & Arboretum
- Ulsan symphony & choir concerts in Portland
- Educational youth exchange



# Ulsan Metropolitan City



Portlander's Gateway to Korea



## ULSAN, South Korea



### Upcoming projects:

- October 2022 Oregon Gov delegation to S. Korea
- Expanding our board; rebooting activities; helping link and nurture new connections & collaborations btwn Portland & Ulsan







## Lviv (Львів)

City in Western part of Ukraine  
 Founded in 1256 by King Danylo Galytskyi  
 Lviv was named after Danylo's son  
 Lev/Leo/Lion



Image sources: Euromaidan Press, Українська Вікіпедія, Taliana Terdal



**Lviv is a major political, economic, cultural, educational center in Western part of Ukraine**

**Lviv's historic City center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site**

- Armenian Cathedral founded in 1363
  - Saints Peter and Paul Garrison Church (1610-1630)
- Lviv University is one of the oldest in Eastern Europe
- founded in 1608 as a Society of Jesus (Jesuit) school

Population

- 717,000 (2021 estimate)
- 900,000 (April 2022 estimate, with internally displaced refugees)

US Embassy was located in Lviv from February 15 to May 18, 2022





**Lviv shares Portland's passion for culture and the arts**  
**Lviv was designated the Cultural Capital of Ukraine in 2009**

**LvivMozArt festival**

- ❖ Franz Xaver Mozart, son of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, lived in Lviv from 1808 to 1838
  - founded St Cecilia choir society, the first Lviv music union
  - brought Lviv in the circle of important European music centers

**29<sup>th</sup> Lviv Book Forum**

- ❖ Online meeting and discussions format, October 6 – 10, 2022
  - 20 events, over 40 authors from Ukraine, US, UK, Mexico, Syria, Portugal, France, Iran, Tanzania
  - Sergiy Plokhy, Neil Gaiman, Yuval Harari, Margaret Atwood

LVIV  
BOOK  
FORUM

ONLINE  
MEETINGS  
& DISCUSSIONS  
6/10-9/10  
2022

**Lviv shares Portland's passion for coffee, beer,  
chocolates, and good food**

**Lviv is the coffee capital of Ukraine**

- Lviv transplant to Vienna started the first coffee shop in Europe in 1683

**Lviv boasts 300+ year old beer industry**

- First industrial brewery was built by Jesuit monks in 1715
- In 2018, "Lvivske Dunkel" won the East European Beer Award as the best dark lager

Image sources: Lviv Book Forum, David Olson, Tatiana Terdal

## The city-to-city connection between Portland and Lviv has continued to grow and foster mutual understanding



Members of Lviv City government, non-profits, and business sector visited Portland through USAID program on "Energy Efficiency" in 2006



Delegation from Lviv City government met with Mayor Potter in 2008



Representative of Lviv City Government was part of "Good Governance" program visiting Portland in 2017



Portlanders traveled to Lviv to meet with Lviv City officials in 2007, 2009, and 2018

Image sources: Andriy Shulsky, David Olson, Paul Terdal, Taliana Terdal



Portlanders have ongoing personal and professional relationships with Lviv-based individuals, businesses, educational and arts institutions



Lviv Latte  
in Lviv (above)  
and Portland (right and  
left)



Image sources: Randall Blazak, Kanon Magazine, University of Oregon School of Architecture and Environment, Tatiana Terdal







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